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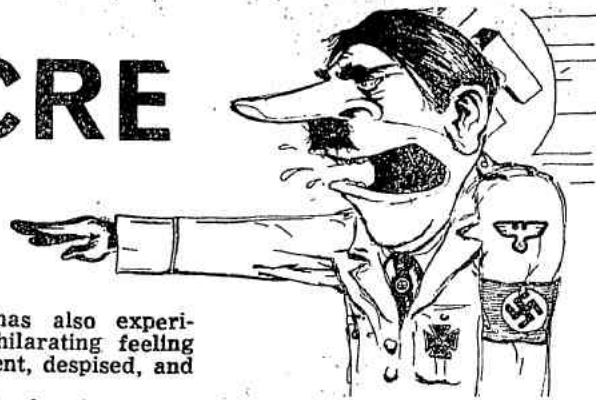
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*Lunch-hour rush : typical vast voting queue*



# GODS' LITTLE ACRE



## hot stuff

Sir — In last week's Woroni, Stephen Jay of "Paranoid" declared that he was an atheist, and proceeded to point out the shortcomings of the Christian religion, using among other things a scriptural story to illustrate his argument.

It was suggested that, in Acts 5, 1-12, all the Christians had to sell their possessions and give the profits to the apostles to finance their missionary journeys. When a man called Ananias secretly kept back part of the proceeds from the sale of his property, St Peter, greedy for the whole sum, either murdered him or caused him to die of fright.

This interpretation of the event will not bear close scrutiny. Firstly, the Christians did not have to turn over their money for the exclusive use of the apostles:

"Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold and laid them down at the apostles feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." (Acts 4, 34-5.)

In fact, a commune was operating in which all the Christians shared equally everything they possessed.

There is no reference anywhere to money being collected for the apostles' missionary journeys.

Further, Ananias was struck dead, not because he refused to hand over all his money to St Peter, but because he falsely claimed he was giving the whole sum; he was free to give it or keep it as he wished, yet he chose to lie:

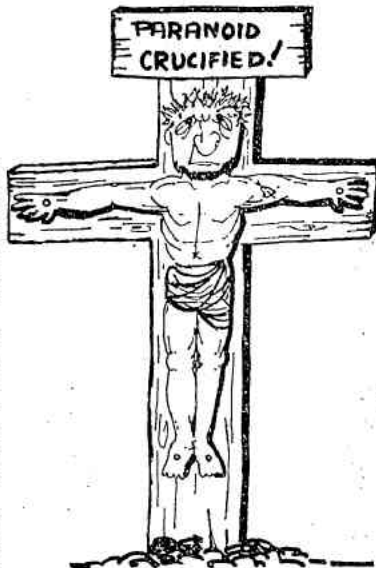
"Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine own heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God" (St Peter, Acts 5, 4.)

You might loathe Christianity less, Mr Jay, if you read what the Bible actually says, not what your prejudice would like it to say.

I will agree that both today and in past centuries many people have paid lip service to Christianity and practised only its externals, perverting the essential spirit of Christ's teachings: these are indeed sanctimonious bigots who deserve nothing but the most scathing contempt. But sincere Christians — and they are not all that rare — have no time for self-satisfaction, hypocrisy or bigotry: that our society has constantly fallen short of a real implementation of Christian ideals is the fault of man's weakness, not of Christ, and only on rare occasions, of his church.

I submit that as a philosophy of life, properly practiced Christianity has never had, and never will have, an equal: it provides a firm purpose in existence and gives man an incentive to develop all that is best in his nature. In my opinion, a sincere Christian can look forward to a life of richness and satisfaction — not as a dreamer on a pink cloud, but as a realist who is prepared to live by what he believes in the face of any opposition.

BREFFNI O'ROURKE.



## little Hitler

Sir, I always feel sad, when such important issues as religion are discussed in a dissolute way. Being religious is not living in a pink cloud.

Pink clouds are largely manufactured by all the "isms" in this world, like colonialism, fascism, communism and indeed atheism.

Do we want a life without authority, love, principles? I think it is unbearable in the long run and only a stroke of paranoia results. But this is not pleasant forever. We want no Union where we are. How we stand, and these problems can never be solved through a purely mechanist point of view.

If we accept atheism, we raise ourselves, little gods, for gods we need forever. But the trouble is that these gods are man-made and they have all the deficiencies as such.

Examples of self-styled gods, like Napoleon, Mussolini, Hitler, etc, indicate that all is not always well when this happens. These people really lived in pink clouds and with all their might tried to maintain them. But to no avail.

Let us not be sentimental about religion. Atheism often descends to attacks on the way of life of certain Christians. As shown above it is also easy to attack the way of life of certain non-Christians. What should be attacked are the principles involved, but that of course is not so easy. After all, it is the spirit which counts.

## Up the Church!

SIR — I hate paranoid. With similar rational arguments, the author of the aforementioned "column" has tried to discredit the image of Christianity, God, or both, to come to the illuminating conclusion that atheism is better.

I don't intend to put forward a case for Christianity, as unless you are versed in theology this is very hard to put in words, let alone on paper, without sounding off with all the "dear old coconuts" which everyone knows in any case. But there are just a few points.

Firstly, in true non-conformist spirit, I pride myself on being a Christian living in this world of atheists. I'm sure any other

"rare bird" has also experienced this exhilarating feeling of being different, despised, and the underdog.

Secondly, I found myself confused between the lack of distinction between the terms, God, Christianity and the Church, which Mr Jay managed to throw around in gay abandon, now hating this, now loathing the other.

I suppose God is the thing he is actually concerned about, but I don't believe God needs my help to stand this rather ridiculous attack. As for Christianity, this could stand (and has stood) some criticism. But after all, is it not basically a man-made interpretation of the Will Of God, and, as such, prone to "human" error? For despite the fact, as Mr Jay suggests, that man does not really need God, except as some sort of prop, man is himself not even sufficiently strong or wise to stop repeating the same mistakes time and again. Even those who have the solutions to the world's problems all worked out might possibly be making a mistake. But no, we are all so great and intelligent and so very self-sufficient, we surely have all the answers right!

Finally the Church—which Church? The building down the road? Or is some particular denomination meant? A Church is in that sense only a particular form of Christianity, which as a whole is being dismissed as—"peculiar, highly civilised and rather difficult" (whatever that may mean) so that individual Churches don't really make the running.

On the whole, articles such as this are valuable propaganda for the Christian cause because they do demonstrate excellently the type of emotional phrasemongery which is about all that most opposers of Christianity can muster.—MARIA RIBENY, Burton Hall.

## Hell I'm Sorry

My apologies for the factual inaccuracies, but you have totally ignored the point I was raising — namely that the man was killed. I don't give a damn whether he was struck dead

because he lied, or because he kept money back, what bugs me is that he was killed at all, either by the "merciful" Christian deity, or by His Apostle. So far as your little comment about reading the bible more accurately goes, you are a rather funny man yourself. You state that Ananias was struck dead because he lied, because he falsely claimed to be handing in all his money. Well, Mr O'Rourke, probably he was, poor sod, but the bible nowhere says that he claimed this. Peter tells him (and us) only that he has: "lied to the Holy Ghost..."; anyway, are you, Mr O'Rourke, seriously advancing the fact that Ananias lied, whoever he lied to, as a justification for his death in retribution for that act? If you are, you are in the classification of those who pay "lip service to Christianity," to quote yourself.

P.S. I will defend to the death your right to be a Christian, and to put forward the view expressed in the latter sections of your letter. I wouldn't deprive either you or Mr van der Muolem of your pink clouds; I wouldn't deprive Linus of his blanket either.

## Tier Slated

SIR, I have rarely read a more biased report than Mr Tier's article on Dr Knopfmacher.

I would agree with Mr Tier's comments about the first lecture, although I fail to see why the topic was an "unfortunate choice". However, the report of the second lecture ignores most non-inflammatory points made by Dr Knopfmacher and concentrates instead upon his comparatively few right-wing statements. Mr Tier's personal bias does not justify this misrepresentation.

K. STEELE. Arts III.

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## THE BISTRO RESTAURANT

# Thus spake McManus

To make my bias clear from the start, as far as Vietnam is concerned, I am: 1. Against all war; 2. Against this war; 3. Against Australia fighting in this war; 4. Against Australia conscripting people to fight in this war; 5. Against Aus-

tralia conscripting me to fight in this war.

Arrange them in what order you like; the point is that Senator McManus disagrees with every single one of them. The only point in the talk which I could agree with was his proposal to raise Australia's aid to Asia to 2 per cent of the national income. For the rest, it is to his credit that he spoke the

truth twice in the space of this short meeting: once, when he said that it is very difficult to explain to the public why we are fighting in Vietnam to combat the influence of the Chinese to whom we are selling wheat, and again when he said "I think these paid professional killers (the regular army) are not much different from what you ought to be."

Apart from these points his speech boiled down to simple repetition of the policy of the DLP — that is, fight the ALP on every point, and on every point say to the Liberals (sic) "We would have done it too, only better." The DLP was originally against conscription, the Senator said, and if it had been in power — don't laugh yet, we haven't come to the punch-line — would have preferred to have filled the ranks of the regular army by appealing to the average Australian's sense of duty. More pay for soldiers, he said, was unnecessary and insulting, though this is a minor point. As conscription is here, the Senator said regretfully, it

by Chris Borthwick



would be difficult to get rid of it again and the DLP is in favor of keeping it.

It had to be, really, after all, the Communist menace and the Yellow Peril are the only reasons the DLP exists at all, and constitute their entire stock-in-trade: to wilfully give up a chance of fighting them would undermine the party's whole structure.

The Senator showed in the questions that followed that he was entirely uninterested in Vietnam as such: what concerned him was communism, as bogey-man. The Communists could never be trusted, he told us, and the Communists can be trusted absolutely when they declare their hostility towards us. Communism is totally inefficient compared with democracy, and the mighty machine that is Communism's thrust for world power never puts a foot wrong. Communism holds down the enslaved masses of her countries by force, and the Communist countries consist entirely of dedicated fanatics intent on our destruction. And to cap it all, Australia must make friends with Asia and at the same time fight in Vietnam.

Perhaps realising that 4500 Australians would be of comparatively little practical value in rolling back the vast screaming tide of yellow Communism he envisages, the Senator went on to say that we must fight in Vietnam so that America knows we're still around. As a further recourse, we should sell enough of the country to America to give them a stake in it.

America is our only safe-guard, as it is impossible to have dealings of any kind with non-whites; the Senator looks back longingly to the good old days when Asia was firmly under the domination of our kind of people. No, I am a liar! the Indonesians may be admitted — having shown their soundness with 100,000 murdered Communists.

And of course, only just less poisonous than the menace from abroad is the menace from within; the ALP to be precise.

It is (a) opportunist and (b) communist, which means that its views on conscription can be disregarded. Oh, the Senator is no bigot: he is quite prepared to admit the existence of people against conscription for motives of principle. These people he respects — both of them — but everybody else is simply encouraging the enemy for motives that perhaps the security people might find it profitable to look into...

The absurdity of the proceedings may finally be conveyed by a few quotations: one from the Senator: "Before we have free elections in Vietnam, let's have free elections in Russia, China, Hungary and East Germany!"; and one from the chairman of the meeting, addressed to a questioner: "If you preface your question with insulting words like 'comrade' you will be declared out of order."

Well, that finishes the "Labor" part; their support for the fascist-revivalist Ky finishes the "Democratic" part; all that remains is "Party," and precious little of that... soon may it perish.

Frug says:

Let's have more  
**RUGGED**  
INDIVIDUALISM!



There's no doubt about it, the day of the rugged man (or woman) who goes it alone, and who doesn't need a symposium to tell him how he should behave, is over. I was so disgusted at the performance of my fellow girls and boys over that sex controversy, they just tamely agreed with everything that the Chaplains and Mr Carey had to say. Is there no one to stand up for his rights, to oppose the dogmatic propagandists of sex, to show that there is more than one way of approaching this so very personal issue? It is disgusting. I speak for at least 80% of the student body, I am sure, when I say:

"There is more than one way to have a good time with the old genitalia!" Yes indeed. You ask yourselves this: Did one single person speak up for rugged individualism in sex? Did anyone talk about the joys of spiritual union, of the higher and nobler relationship that one can have with oneself?

It is essential that rugged individualism be practised in complete privacy. Intimate communion with the soul cannot be soiled by the prying eyes of other people. It is the way in which people express the love for themselves in its most complete and satisfying form. This love ideally involves the communion of the complete personality, not simply the body. It is an act in which the person gives himself to himself with complete trust. There are many side benefits. Damage to other personalities is avoided, no-one is taken advantage of, and there is none of this ghastly sharing business. I could of course go into rather revolting detail about the more gruesome aspects of mutual sex, such as, for example, the ~~average~~ ~~average~~ ~~average~~, and the ~~average~~ in ~~average~~, but I won't.

Let me say just one more thing in favor of a sensible attitude towards sex. Do you want to be one of the herd? The herd indulges in the somewhat sickening antics of mutual lovemaking; it forms itself into cosy, bourgeois little twosomes, then proceeds to wallow in the million year old rut. Be different! Renounce this childish lack of originality. Be like me. Do it as a hymn to you.

You all do it in private. (I think.) Now stop doing that other thing. Be a rugged individualist, and spurn the Church's propaganda. I hate dirt; that's why I love me.

Dressed in his black pajamas Frug Viet congs it through the undergrowth when suddenly he comes upon a stack of old Time magazines dating from 1958 to the present day. Having a few hours to kill, he (it?) reads on. Now read on

Frug changes his tense and crawls inside it to dream. First of all there is a shark very large and fierce with multiple rows of teeth. Mick Jagger makes an appearance regurgitated by a vacuum cleaner which heats as it sweeps as it cleans as it beats a man (naked) in high heels. Naked as nature intended thinks our Frug as he ascended into Heaven on the right hand of the Rev. George Garnsey.

A sound to indicate awakening, and there I (Frug) am lying in bed with a full bladder. I throw the bladder out of bed and stagger off to the bathroom. I open the door walk in and void myself. Halfway through I realise I am standing in the wardrobe. Too late to stop I determine that next time I drink I shall not my reactions/very carefully. Next scene. The following night. Thunder. Enter Frug in drinking clothes. Alarums. 1st schooner cold brassy taste, no trouble.

2nd & 3rd schooners down they go no worries. 4th a little slower first trip to urinal no thoughts at urinal. 5th & 6th long rambling discuss discuss discussion discentration. Talk on. (Be careful now Frug chile) SSOCIAL-IST REE-AH-LISM (is that midnight) 7th & 8th Brilliant thought about significance on (of) Rolling Stones. Piss on Paul Lyneham's new suede boots. 9th & 10th Some idiot (me as I remember) recite Henry Lawson or Banjo Paterson or some bull bushidiot.

Switch now to whisky and ice. Ice I mean I break a glass. Randiness creeps up. Someone makes love to a shopping trolley. We decide it's such a good screw that we'll take it back with us. We draw straws. I get the last.

Which people is how at ten o'clock on a Sunday Morning I am in a double bed in the clutches of a shopping trolley. I can't move. My friends have been talking and rinking and deciding what to do. By now they are pretty drunk. I think they are going to wheel me into Civic to a panelbeater or enter me in a pop art exhibition. Spurn the demon rum my children.

SOME ROOB HAS FLOGGED OFF WITH MY TOILET SEAT! IF I GET MY HANDS ON HIM I'LL SPRAY HIM ALL OVER IT. .... what kind of a pervert would lust after a toilet seat anyway?

Frug

## Baker Wins Beautifully

Keith Baker won the poll for SRC President with a landslide victory over his two opponents, Don Beattie and Bruce Humphris.

He also came second in the

### PRESIDENTIAL RESULTS

1 Baker, K.	434
2 Beattie, D.	120
3 Humphris, B. L.	25

### GENERAL REP. RESULTS

1 Yocklunn, S. C.	338
2 Baker, K.	252
3 Beattie, D.	215
4 D'Arcy, M.	205
5 Scollay, C. D.	184
6 Stephens, J. M.	118
7 Shea, S. R.	114
8 Stoyles, M.	110
9 Proctor, R. A.	65
10 Blomfield, G. H.	61
11 Tier, M.	42

### SPECIAL REP. RESULTS

Oriental Studies	
1 Wilson, T. D.	27
2 Wansbrough, C.	10
Monfriles, J. E.	10
Part-time	
1 Debnam, L. C.	21
2 Higgins, T. J.	16

### YOUR NEW SRC

**PRESIDENT:** Keith Baker.  
**GENERAL REPS:** John Yocklunn, Don Beattie, Mike D'Arcy.  
**ARTS REPS:** Clive Scollay, John Stephens, Megan Stoyles, Mark Tier.  
(Elected unopposed — two positions to be filled at the Annual General Meeting)  
**ECONOMICS REPS:** S. K. Ong. (only nomination — elected unopposed — other two positions to be filled at the AGM)  
**SCIENCE REPS:** H. N. Lewis, Robert Proctor, Mary-Clare Symons.  
(Elected unopposed)  
**LAW REPS:** Graeme Blomfield, Terry Higgins.  
(Elected unopposed)  
**ORIENTAL STUDIES REP:** Trevor Wilson.  
**PART-TIME REP:** L. C. Debnam.

poll for General Representative.

John Yocklunn won the poll for General Representative, polling 338 votes to Keith Baker's 252. Mike D'Arcy and Don Beattie are the other two General Representatives, as it seems probable that Keith Baker will stand down as a General Rep in favor of being President.

The election of Messrs D'Arcy and Yocklunn to the positions of General Rep creates two holes in the Arts Reps which will have to be filled at the AGM, to be held on Thursday, April 7th (which, God willing, will be the same day this issue appears).

In comparison to last year, voting figures were lower. Candidatures for the SRC were also lower than last year, there being only one nomination for Economics Rep when three are required; the candidates for Arts, Economics, Science and Law were all elected unopposed. There were, however, three Presidential candidates, the most there have ever been.

The results on this page are only provisional: The only difference between these and the final results is that the latter will have been declared at the Annual General Meeting to be held tonight. Be there!

## LAW SOCIETY LEVY

At the Law Society AGM a motion to levy a compulsory \$2.00 fee upon all law students was passed after inadequate discussion. In moving the motion, Mr M. Scott, President of the Law Society for 1965, castigated the anti-law attitude on the SRC when it came to handing out financial grants.

He commented that the SRC grant of \$100 last year worked out at 30c per head—a nominal grant considering all law students pay \$6 per annum merely to belong to the Students' Association. In 1965, the Intervarsity Moots was held in Canberra and due to the small grant from the SRC, a \$10

compulsory fee had to be levied upon all visitors.

The idea behind the \$2 levy is to subsidise Law Society functions, yet, last year, the Law Ball was the only law function which made a loss.

The motion to raise the levy was passed 30 to 5. As a result of the pitiful number in attendance, a rescission notice has been placed on the notice paper for a special general meeting.

The meeting also refused to accept the treasurer's report due to the fact that a couple of bills had not been included as they had not reached the treasurer in time.

# WORONI

## Aftermath

Another election has passed us by, leaving scarcely a trace of smoke upon the horizon. What precisely were all the posters proving? There were an awful lot of gorgeous ladies saying huskily: 'Keithie boy, I love ya ... 'Donny baby, you're the cream in my cawffy . . .', and for a while we even had Peanuts, for God's sake, abjuring us to vote for Baker. Well the posters were very entertaining, and two pages of Woroni were taken up with policy speeches. What is going to be the result of all this election furor?

Baker has been elected. An examination of the policies of the two serious candidates for the Presidency reveals that there is little real difference in their platform. Baker promised you a number of things from which concrete results might be expected. Beattie did too. Both were obviously capable; reasonable choices. It is of little vital interest to this paper which of the two won, but we feel that the strength of the vote against Don Beattie was an indication of the childish, impressionable level at which voting was decided. Those of you who voted for Baker (434 of you), why did you? Was it because you found his platform more attractive, or was it because you found him more attractive; did you consider him more capable of carrying out his program than Beattie would have been of carrying out his; or was it simply that his posters were better? Keith Baker is positively charming; he is an excellent politician. How many of you were swayed by this charm?

We reiterate, either of the two will do a good job. But the ratio of the voting gave Baker almost 400% more votes than Beattie. And no-one can maintain

that the relative desirability of the two is as great a contrast as that. If Baker's campaigning was more effective, then one could expect him to receive a majority of perhaps one hundred, given that the candidates were approximately equal, which we think they were. The thumping majority that Baker actually received was an indication of the puerile level at which many students vote. You saw him more often, he looks nice, he has a lovely voice, if these were the reasons for your vote in his favor, may you perish miserably in Vietnam or childbirth and never afflict the voting rolls of a democracy with your simplicity.

Now that Keith Baker is our president, we can expect him to stand by his election promises. They were most resounding. We can look forward to a 'dynamic', 'activist' SRC. We must hear more of his proposal for student representation on the University Council. We hope sincerely that he will succeed in his attempt to have the exams spaced more reasonably. Comprehensive insurance should arrive this year, along with the student health scheme. That radio program will be a welcome arrival. Will the Union become a 'STUDENT' concern as promised? Will an 'employment officer' be appointed, and will he enlarge and improve student part-time employment opportunities? Will part-timers have anything more than the promised Committee?

'If you want this program to be implemented, and if you want to elect a person capable of implementing it, remember on election day to vote Baker for President.'

You did. We hope he will.



# CROSSROADS

with  
Robert Moss



IN THE PAST, the ANU has never possessed many good original writers and has never established formally or informally a social group seriously concerned with literature. A few nomadic characters nod to each other in University Avenue, exchange poems in the Union, arrange to have a beer in the Civic. Occasionally, a few courageous spirits try to produce a literary magazine or band together in a claret club, but even these attempts fall through.

In 1966, in Canberra, city of establishments and institutions, the undergraduate body at the ANU is left with neither a literary society nor a literary magazine. Perhaps in a way this is a good thing. It means at least that young writers avoid having their problems eased out of them too early in the sherry-sipping circles on, too familiar amongst academics who also indulge in literature.

But it means also that these writers are cut off from each other and (though to a lesser extent) from other undergraduates who share their enthusiasm for literature and ideas. To an outsider, the ANU student body appears dead in a literary sense. Why? The familiar clichés are produced. "Look at our size. We can't hope to compete with Sydney." "Student apathy. What do you expect in a swot-shop like this?" But these excuses won't do. I know at least a dozen undergraduate poets and prose-writers of genuine merit at the ANU, and there are possibly several times as many. (But they are scattered together with many others whose attitude towards literature could hardly be called "apathetic") among, faculties, the halls of residence, and the suburbs and lack a place where they can go to make acquaintances or exchange ideas.

There is an obvious need for some kind of a literary society. It must be regarded as an open forum where anyone can go to listen or contribute. During the term, there has been talk of

founding a Poetry Society. Of course, the name is suspect. Are we being offered some kind of a communal literary workshop or merely an organisation for arranging pompous sherry parties and electing its members to grandiose positions on the committee? It could become either of these if the wrong people dominated it. But we don't want another version of the Soviet Writers' Union, because points of criticism are better settled in a small discussion group.

Then in a large-scale free-for-all; and we don't want another "Let's-get-together-and-read Yevgeny" affair because there are too many of these already. Ideally, what is needed is a society as informal as possible that will provide a common meeting-place for all local undergraduates interested in literature, organise readings by local and visiting authors, hold discussions and publish a magazine. It could rely upon financial support from the university administration, and this is already being negotiated.

A poetry reading is being planned by half-a-dozen writers interested in the Society, and should be held soon after Easter. Everyone who is interested in literature should attend. These are long-awaited signs of life in a still-born university.



Come to me in my driftwood afternoons  
my room is full of sleeping jaguars  
their paws are on the window-sill  
and sunlight is spilling like a sheaf of hay.  
twenty-seven, thirty-nine: count the whorls  
of gold, brown, furry black

words come languidly down  
numbers peel like bark  
mulberry over grey wood  
gumming the lips.

Come to me white and demanding:  
show me a green soldier rooted among the snowdrifts,  
show me blue lips pressed to a silver horn.

Robert Moss

# HOLT'S PARTY CRASHED

NO COCKTAILS FOR CONSCRIPTION CRASHERS

How many students oppose conscription? If one were to believe the numbers that turn up at demonstrations against it, only about fifteen or twenty out of three thousand. On Wednesday 30 March students from the ANU staged a protest at the ceremony at which the foundation stone of the National Library was laid. The occasion was apt, for both the Prime Minister and Sir Robert Menzies were present. There was also a large audience of embassy and establishment dignitaries. A number of banner-waving students positioned themselves around the crowd, and stood in silence through the ceremony, which continued fairly sedately; the audience, having had a good look at the banners as they arrived, manfully attempted to look straight ahead for the remainder of the show. There was no police interference, but on one occasion a demonstrator interjected, and was promptly sandwiched between two very large and very pro-conscription policemen, who threatened to tear up his cherished sign and cast him forth unless he behaved himself. He did. The demonstrators were respectably dressed in the main (there was one youth going to seed, and dressed in a moth-eaten corduroy jacket, who held



one end of an itty bitty sign while a raving beauty held the other end—they made a lovely tableau of innocent youth) and in its own way, the silence and restraint of the proceedings were quite impressive.

One demonstrator positioned himself fifty yards up the street from the main body; after a few moments of ponderous deliberation, a massive policeman walked the fifty yards and positioned himself three yards to the rear of the lonely demonstrator. No-one was quite sure whether he was there to restrain the youth from throwing himself under the Bentley's wheels, or to help him.

As you can see from the picture, Mr Holt is not as inaccessible as all that; he told us that he thinks that demonstra-

tions are 'Irritating, self-defeating, and through their publicity, self-perpetuating'.

In spite of the small numbers, and Mr Holt's condemnation, the demonstration received various write-ups in the press, and by its mere existence, added to the weight of the continual protests that have greeted Holt whenever he appears in public.

When the speeches finished, the anti-conscription brigade took up their position outside the gates of the enclosure. As the embassy and establishment cars flowed past, it was interesting to note the range of reactions. Silent rage on the faces of some Asian looking types in great Buicks; a yodel of encouragement from some eminent university figures. Hatred on the faces of some shrivelled old ladies (one accosted the demonstrators with cries of 'Traitors! Cowards! Commies!' etc; she was greeted with restraint and reasonable argument for the most part, though the parting cry was: 'Rotten old warmonger!'). Harold's Bentley (formerly Bob's) took one look at the demonstrators and stood on its rear axle in a wild attempt to pass by in 0.1 seconds flat; and when Sir Robert emerged (in a Rambler American, no more) looking very tired, the only reaction to be discerned was a faint cynical curling of the upper lip.



'The Canberra Times'

University students carrying banners protesting against Vietnam and conscription staged an almost silent demonstration at the ceremony. They were ignored.

## That slanty News!

How does the public receive its news and gain its impressions? Does the press slant the news? Here is an example, relatively unimportant though it is, of just that. In accordance with their editorial policy, the two articles that you see below accord an anti-conscription demonstration rather differing reports. From one you gain the impres-

sion that there barely was a demonstration, while from the other, the demonstration was the main feature of the whole ceremony at which the National Library was opened - which is also a slight distortion of the truth. The actual truth lies somewhere in between.

'The Australian'

### DEMONSTRATORS JOIN MENZIES' GUESTS

During the ceremony students and some apprentices working on the library building joined the 500 guests and displayed posters protesting against Australian involvement in Vietnam. Some read: "No conscription, dirty war," "Conscription is unindustrial," and "Conscripts are to defend Australia not lend USA moral support."

Another poster bore the inscription: "Is it a grave stone?"

Although the demonstration was quiet and orderly, police and security officers moved closer when three demonstrators moved nearer to the dais when the Prime Minister, Mr Holt, began to speak.



with Stephen Jay

The Victorian A. L. P. has, for the past twelve months or so, been holding many political rallies, at which worthies like Cairns regularly hold forth on the number of Vietnamese ping-pong balls currently finding their way into Hong Kong via Red China. These meetings are a source of endless delight to the D. L. P. which has managed to build up a strong corps of semi-professional rally busters, lads in their early twenties who have at last found their true mission in life. Arming themselves with tomatoes, bricks, bicycle chains and the odd new term of Fascist abuse, they whisk happily along to where ever the Labor Party's stalwarts are proclaiming, and with an ever-increasing finesse bust up the meetings, or, if they are outnumbered, shriek abuse and throw their missiles.

It must be admitted that there is a certain appeal in the directness of the Democratic Labour Party's approach to political activity. A reporter on our staff, one Goldstein, tells me that he is thinking seriously of joining the D. L. P., he has had a romantic fixation on the Nazi Party since way back. The only thing that stops him is the lack of a lovely black uniform with jackboots to match.

That is one kind of demonstration of feelings... to throw missiles and abuse. I noticed that the election meeting that Mr. Holt attended last week had a rather large percentage of anti-Holt lads present. I don't think there was much crude violence, but the crowd was very loud. It is easy to accuse the Labor Party of practicing precisely the same tactics as the D. L. P., and I have no doubt that quite a large percentage of those present were motivated in their interjections by the same mixture of stupidity and love of violence. The thing that stands out, however, is the fact that very few reports of violence by the opponents of the Labor Party ever reach the national press, while a rowdy anti-government demonstration or rally is front page news throughout the country. Granted the Prime Minister was the object of the abuse, but even so, it seems fairly evident that the press in Australia does its level best to rubbish the Labor Party, while the excesses of

its opponents are rarely mentioned.

The write-up given that Koo-yong election meeting was designed to give the impression that a collection of despicable louts, (Labor of course) had nearly slaughtered the P. M. If you read carefully, however, you will find that there is no mention of actual violence. The P. M. was "almost involved in a fight....."; demonstrators "crushed against the windows of the hall"; Mr. Holt was "visibly shaken" by the "violence of the meeting" and so on. It was unmistakably a part of the general, automatic reaction of our newspapers, to write up the anti-government misdemeanours and barely mention the anti-Labor louts.

We have published a rather trifling, but nevertheless illuminating example of this news filtration process in this issue.

Mr. Holt informed us that he thought demonstrations (particularly anti-Vietnam ones) an example of pointless, self-damaging behaviour. "It only makes University students seem even stupider to the general public", he said. "There are better ways of opposing governmental action."

Like what, Mr. Holt? Write a letter to my (Labor) M. P. ? You're kidding. Write letters to the editor? I think that would have even less impact. Greater brains than I have tried reason and it has gotten them precisely nowhere. I think the only course of action available is to wave banners, shout abuse at meetings and I am even tempted to throw bricks at Liberal M. P. s.

I still haven't quite regained my breath from the double solar plexus thump that was handed out. First, the fantastic statement that Australian troops were going to help defend that stinking cess-pool of corruption and mis-government in South Vietnam; accompanied, as the announcement was, by a fanfare of "North Vietnamese aggression", and even more pathetic, (then and still more a year later) "The Red Chinese Menace". And secondly, the incredible announcement that conscripts are to fight in this indefensible pest-hole. It is the first time I have observed at first hand the depths to which blind anti-Communism

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**MUSIC**

by Alex Simpson

# Dutch Dixie Delights

Dixieland Jazz came to Canberra for a one night stand with the world renowned Dutch Swing College Band at the Canberra Theatre on Saturday the 2nd. They played to an overflowing house.

These musicians can really make their jazz live, it bounces, races, goes blue . . . in fact anything they care. However, on the whole, there was a commendable absence of "staginess," (one must of course have some kind of presence) and this left room for the excellence of the down-to-

earth musicians to come through. They kept a remarkable hold on their instruments, knowing exactly what they wanted out of them and how to get it. The band has six members: Peter Schilperoort, the leader, (Clarinet and Soprano Sax); Ray Kaart (Trumpet); Dick Kaart (Trombone and Tuba); Arie Ligthart (Guitar and Banjo); Bob Van Oven (Bass); and Peter Ypma on Drums. Every one of them an excellent and world-class jazz player.

During the performance we

were treated to many of the best known works of the twenties: "Steamboat Stumble," "Mood Indigo," "St. Louis Blues," "The Tiger Rag," but the numbers the audience really loved were the odd, nearly novelty numbers such as "The Cannibals" in which the leader played a flute in a fascinating combination of Brazilian music and jazz. Others included "Bonanza" (put in specially for those feeling lost without their TV set), "In the Deepest Cellar" (with Dick Kaart on lovely Trombone), "The William Tell Overture" (again for those missing either the Lone Ranger or the Opera House), and specially relevant, "Waltzing Matilda". They played these as if they enjoyed doing so and the audience went wild with their appreciation.

Later, I asked Peter Schilperoort if he minded applause during the number following the solos—and surprisingly he answered that if they did not clap he wondered what had gone wrong. All in all, it seems they've enjoyed playing to Australians (who are "Very enthusiastic")—one imagines that Australians have enjoyed it too.

A column of political comment by Peter Paterson from a great height



## Vietnam-War of Unintended Genocide

The general election on the 10th December, 1966, swept the Labor Party from the Government benches in Canberra. The Liberal victory meant new management in the Department of External Affairs. Most of us are familiar with the External Affairs publication, Current Notes. The first issue to appear after the Liberals came to power contained an article on Vietnam—"Recent Developments in Indo-China" (1966), 21 Current Notes 9. The article is the first full article in that particular issue of Current Notes.

The reader may well ask, "So what?" My reply is—here we have a truly significant paradox. The paradox—if Australians can be given the guts of this purely factual analysis of the Vietnam situation, as a Liberal-controlled Department of External Affairs saw it in 1966, the Labor Party has the issue to wrest back the Government benches in 1966. The Reason?

The article is a direct refutation of a new oft-repeated slogan of the Liberals—viz; America, Korea, Australia and New Zealand are in Vietnam to stop Chinese aggression, Chinese expansionism.

The article is a study of the tragic Vietnam affair up to 1950. It tells of how the Vichy French in Indo-China cooperated with the Japanese through the war years; of how the Japanese allowed Bao Dai to issue a treaty of Vietnam independence in March, 1945, when the tide turned against Japan; of how Ho Chi Minh—the Ho Chi Minh of Hanoi, 1968—who had organised the Vietnamese resistance in the war years, deposed the Japanese puppet in August, 1945; of how the nationalist forces declared a Republic of Vietnam, comprising the three Kys of Tongking, Annam and Cochinchina and Laos; of how Ho Chi Minh occupied the positions of President and Prime Minister of the newly declared Republic of Vietnam.

The study then tells of the popularity of Ho Chi Minh's Government. It sets out the agreement between the Allies that, if France was not able to reestablish its hegemony in Indo-China, Nationalist China and Britain would do the job for it. Nationalist China occupied the area north of the sixteenth parallel—Tonking and Northern Annam; the British occupied Cochinchina and Southern Annam. The British disarmed and imprisoned Ho Chi Minh's supporters in the South; the Nationalist Chinese aided and abetted them in the North.

The story then narrates the ruthlessness of the French as they fought to re-establish their rule in Indo-China, the visit of Ho Chi Minh to Paris in 1946 and his signing an agreement there on the question of a referendum in Cochinchina to decide whether it would be incorporated into the rest of Vietnam, the French invasion of Hanoi in 1947 and the commencement of the civil war and the anti-colonialist war.

That civil war is continuing today. It is not enough to begin Vietnamese history at Geneva in 1954. That is far too glib. That is an over-amplification that cannot command intellectual respect.

Western intervention in Vietnam since World War II—first the British, then the despicable eight years effort of the French to re-establish colonial rule, now the inhuman, no-holds-barred war, the \$U.S.11 billion a year war, a war of unintended genocide to achieve U.S. policy ends—Western intervention in Vietnam since World War II has too filthy a history for any decent person to support its continuation; no matter what considerations of international power politics are involved!

## Jaguar — The Family Car

The fact that you or I have to pay 40c for a bottle of beer, that most likely cost some brewery or other 5c to make, leads one to ponder how much richer the Australian political scene would be if we had a Consumers' Party.

The Consumers would legislate for the abolition of excise. The first to go would be the excise on playing cards which has netted the great sum of \$A100,000 a year over the last eight years. The price of playing cards would then be within the reach of every schoolboy (and schoolgirl).

But the Consumers would then turn to the most accursed excise of all, the excise on beer. This most hated revenue source at present yields the Commonwealth \$A300 million a year and finances 6 per cent of Commonwealth spending. The history of excise on beer goes back to the days of the puritans and, although puritan influences are still strong in our society, most political scientists think organised drinkers will win the day, provided their leader's red nose isn't revealed to the world through the medium of color television.

The socialist wing of the Consumers would not be content with the abolition of sales tax on petrol. It would demand the nationalisation of the foreign car firms, and the newly-acquired State plants would be turned to mass-production of Jaguars. Costs of a family Jaguar would vary between \$1600-\$2000, depending on accessories. There would most likely be a split in the ranks of the Consumers—the right would bow to expediency and offer dissatisfied Jaguar owners a good old Holden or VW. But the Consumers could take comfort in the fact that they wouldn't be the only Australian party facing such problems.

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# Lady L

Lady L. Capitol Theatre  
April 9 - 11

We came to this film, expecting it to be riotously funny, our expectations built up by reports from reviews and other people, but it did not live up to them.

Instead, we were treated to two hours of humour and gaiety welded together by Sophia Loren.

Technically, the film was superb. The production, photography and direction rarely faltered. A number of scenes seemed too long, but the irritation lasted for seconds only.

Lady L., played by Sophia Loren, unfolds the story of her life to a nervous and attentive Sir Percy, her intended biographer (Cecil Parker). She started out as a Parisian laundress who fell in love with a Robin Hoodish thief named Armand (Paul Newman). Following on a large bank robbery the French Chief of Police (Claud Dauphin), reminiscent of Peter Sellers in his roles as

a bungling policeman, fails to capture Armand and Lady L. with hundreds of policemen, the army, including artillery. They hole up in Switzerland, where Armand becomes an anarchist, and Lady L. leaves him in a fit of rage over an assassination plot. Through devious and untold means, Lady L. meets a rich English Duke, played by David Niven in the usual Niven style. They end the film in the Duke's castle in England, where Lady L. finally meets Armand again. Without giving away the punchline, we will just say that from then on, she had the best of both possible worlds.

The story is very nebulous, but the film was carried through the excellence of the leading players and a very good supporting cast, not to mention Sophia Loren.

It is a better than average film mainly because there are no serious faux pas, so if you go to see it, don't expect a world beater - just a nice night's entertainment.

## A.N.U. FILM SOCIETY

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28 March 1966

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Mary G. Bouquet  
Acting Registrar  
21 March 1966

## BOOKING OFFICE

A miscellany of what's on in town

### THEATRE

APRIL 7, 9, 10, 12-16: Canberra Repertory Society, "Semi-Detached," Canberra Theatre, 8.15 pm.

APRIL 12, 13: Athens Drama Company, "Iphigenia" and "Lysistrata" Canberra Theatre, 8.15 pm.

APRIL 21, 23: "The Cell," 8.15 pm.

### MUSIC

APRIL 22-23: Jose Louis Gonzales (Guitarist) The Playhouse, 8.30 pm.

### FILMS

APRIL 7: Zorba The Greek, Capitol, 7.45 pm.

APRIL 7: The Entertainer, ANU Film Group, Physics Lecture Theatre, 8.15 pm.

APRIL 7: Mr Moses, Civic, 7.45 pm.

APRIL 9-12: Genghis Khan, Civic, 4.50 & 8.20 pm (Apr 9) 8.00 pm (Apr 10) 7.45 pm.

APRIL 9-12: Lady L., Capitol, times as above.

APRIL 10: Canberra Repertory Society Films, Canberra Theatre, 8.15 pm.

APRIL 13-14: Zorba The Greek, Civic, 7.45 pm.

APRIL 13-14: Mr Moses, Capitol, 7.45 pm.

APRIL 15-17: Moment to Moment, Capitol, 8.20 (Apr 15) 4.50 & 8.20 (Apr 16), 8.00.

APRIL 15-19: The Silencers, Civic, times as above, Apr 18, 19, 7.45.

APRIL 18: Canberra Film Centre, The Playhouse, 8.00.

APRIL 19: The Sheep has Five Legs, ANU Film Group, The Playhouse, 8.00.

APRIL 18-21: From Russia With Love and Dr No, Capitol, 7.45.

APRIL 20-21: Kiss Me Stupid, Civic, 7.45.

APRIL 21: Lions Club Films, The Playhouse, 8.00.

APRIL 22-24: Moment to Moment, Civic.

APRIL 22-26: The Silencers, Capitol.

APRIL 25: Argentine Embassy Films, The Playhouse, 8.15.

### ART

APRIL 13-16: Macquarie Galleries, The Gallery, Canberra Theatre Centre

APRIL 18-30: Canberra Art Club - Exhibition by New Zealand Artists, The Gallery.

APRIL 7: Exhibition at Studio Nundah.

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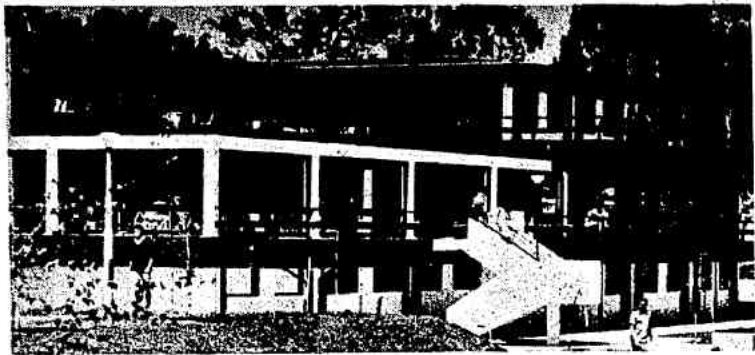
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# UNION NEWS

## Union Catering

The first meeting of the Board of Management of the Union has dealt with members' complaints covering various aspects of Union catering. The Chairman of the Board gave members an overall explanation of the Board's actions. It is necessary however that members should be fully conversant with various aspects of Union catering. An attempt has been made to summarise the main points as follows:

It must be noted that it is rather difficult to make an equitable comparison between meal prices in the Union and those in other University Unions in Australia. The reasons for this difficulty are the following:—

A) The purchase prices of food are generally higher in Canberra than elsewhere.

B) The Union is forced to buy many items of semi-prepared food because of lack of preparation areas, machinery and storage facilities.

C) Purchasing food must be done on a day-to-day basis due to reasons listed under section (b), the lack of cool room facilities is especially serious.

D) The kitchen facilities have been designed to provide a snack and entree service and not a full three-course meal service.

It must be noted, however, that the present catering facilities have been designed as a temporary measure and it is thought that future Union extensions will incorporate larger and better kitchen and cool room facilities.

In spite of the difficulty of making equitable price comparisons, our present reduced prices and increased serves indicate that identical items are generally not more expensive here than at other University Unions in Australia. However, facilities, prices per serve, staffing and other cost are but one side of the question. The other, equally important side, is the turnover. It must be

realised that the academic year here is hardly longer than 32 weeks or thereabouts. The rest of the year consists of either term vacation time, examination period, and summer recess. Even if it were possible at this Union to have a favorable trading balance at the end of the academic year, this favorable balance is likely to be offset by costs incurred during recess period when our turnover is only nominal due to the absence of the majority of our members from the University.

The trading pattern in other University Unions was carefully studied and the result suggests that there is a possibility for the Union to avoid a financial loss under the new reduced price system and no increase in indirect subsidization would be required during the academic year, but it would be impossible to carry the summer recess period of almost four months. A direct Union subsidy to cover trading losses is not the right answer for this problem. The present level of indirect subsidies are as high as the Union can possibly afford. The solution lies in careful management, by employing a limited number of permanent staff, heavily restricting summer time service and in achieving a substantial daily turnover during the academic year.

In the refectory, dining room and milk bar, a daily turnover of at least \$200.00 would be necessary to break even during the academic year and an additional turnover during this period would tend to enable the Union to continue giving a limited vacation time service without loss.

Therefore, members are asked to support the Refectory and the Milk Bar as much as possible to achieve these turnover figures. At the same time, members should feel free to take their complaints, if any, directly to the Secretary, who will take the necessary action to remedy justifiable complaints.

# REPLY TO FOOD PROTEST

The Union Board of Management last night received your Petition on the situation concerning Union food service and considered it at some length. It has in turn requested me to write an open letter to all Petitioners on behalf of the Board, outlining their feelings on the matter and to announce certain new proposals decided upon last night.

It must be stated quite unequivocally that the question of food prices has always been of very real concern to members of the Board and had there been any simple solution, the same would have been put into practice a long time before now.

The problem is, of course, one of securing the cheapest food service within the desirable limits set by norms of quantity and quality. This is, as the petition pointed out, intimately tied up with the efficiency of the catering organisation, both the staff and permanent facilities contained within the Union for the Staff to work on. The Board has no reason to doubt that within the present facilities contained in the Union, the staff arrangements are as efficient as possible, but is also well aware of the fact that the catering facilities are far from ideal. The only solution to this problem is extensive and costly structural alterations which are beyond the means of the Union at the present stage.

A further point to bear in mind affecting the immediate decisions of the Board on food prices, is the fact that in 1965 the catering arrangements were in force for only a short while and during that time cost the Union by way of subsidy approximately \$11,000. The Board felt that it could not continue to bear the cost of this subsidy as other activities of the Union were being neglected due to it and accordingly the Board directed at the start of this year that food prices be set at that level which enables the direct costs of running the catering service to be covered. This is the reason that food prices rose as they did at the start of this year.

Concerning the present area of complaint, however, the Board felt that petitioners had a

just cause for complaint and it was the responsibility of the Board to correct the situation in so far as it was immediately possible.

Accordingly I would like to announce that the Board has taken the following immediate action:

Firstly, three vegetables will be served with each meat dish and that the price of those vegetables will be included in the revised prices of meat dishes contained in the Appendix to this letter.

These three vegetable serves will consist of two serves of mashed potatoes and-or rice and one scoop of other vegetables.

Fried rice and pasta dish serves will be increased in quantity to 12oz. cooked weight (4 flat ladles full) and it is hoped that this will fulfil the members' demands for a cheap staple meal.

The Board approved in principle the erection of a cool room which will enable a more efficient purchasing programme but, due to the large cost involved, left this to be considered in more detail by the Union House Committee and the Union Finance Committee.

Regarding quality, the Union Board agrees with petitioners that quality is a *sine qua non* of any Union catering service. However, it was felt that this is not something that can be dealt

with by a motion of the Board but rather something which works itself out in practice. The Board was told of certain difficulties concerning the present quality of food and accepted the statement that these difficulties should be overcome in a short while, but has requested the House Committee of the Union to keep a fairly close eye on this aspect in the future.

Finally, the Board has asked the House Committee to consider in some detail the ideal arrangements necessary for an efficient Union catering service and the House Committee will be considering this fairly shortly. Any suggestions members may have on this problem would be welcomed by the House Committee. This will, however, inevitably cost a large sum of money which the Union at present has no indication of receiving.

One last point. Many members have approached the Secretary or Members of the Board concerning a rumour that food prices will increase again in the next few weeks. This rumour is entirely untrue and the Board has never considered concrete proposals to this extent.

Yours faithfully,  
A. G. HARTNELL,  
Chairman,  
UNION BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

### This fortnight in the Union

<b>Tuesday, 5th.</b>		
12.10 to 1.00 pm	Newman Society Mass	Meetings Room
1.00 to 2.00 pm	Evangelical Union	Meetings Room
1.00 to 2.00 pm	ANU Liberal Club	Committee Room
<b>Wednesday, 6th</b>		
12.10 to 1.00 pm	Newman Society Mass	Meetings Room
1.00 to 2.00 pm	ANU Psychology Students Asscn	Meetings Room
5.00 to 6.30 pm	Annual General Meeting W.U.S-ABSCHOL Sherry Party	Committee Room Dining Room
7.80 to 11.00 pm	ANU Bridge Club	
8.00 to 11.00 pm	Annual General Meeting ANU Sports Union	Meetings Room
<b>Thursday, 7th.</b>		
12.10 to 1.00 pm	Newman Society Mass	Meetings Room
1.00 to 2.00 pm	ANU Educational Welfare Committee	Meetings Room
1.00 to 2.15 pm	ANU Science Society Informal Lecture	Committee Room
7.45 to 11.00 pm	Annual General Meeting Students' Representative Council	Upstairs
7.30 to 9.30 pm	ANU Choral Society Rehearsal	Meetings Room
<b>Friday, 8th</b>		
12.10 to 1.00 pm	Newman Society Mass	Meetings Room
1.00 to 2.00 pm	ANU Public Speaking Society	Committee Room
5.00 to 6.00 pm	Church Of England Group — Service	Committee Room
<b>Sunday, 10th</b>		
2.00 to 6.00 pm	ANU Bridge Club Competition	Coffee Room
<b>Tuesday, 12th</b>		
12.10 to 1.00 pm	Newman Society Mass	Meetings Room
<b>Wednesday, 13th</b>		
12.10 to 1.00 pm	Newman Society Mass	Meetings Room
7.30 to 11.00 pm	ANU Bridge Club	Dining Room
<b>Thursday, 14th</b>		
12.10 to 1.00 pm	Newman Society Mass	Meetings Room
1.00 to 2.00 pm	ANU Educational Welfare Committee	Meetings Room
6.30 to 7.30 pm	Evangelical Union	Committee Room
<b>Friday, 15th</b>		
12.10 to 1.00 pm	Newman Society Mass	Meetings Room
1.00 to 2.00 pm	ANU Public Speaking Society	Committee Room
1.00 to 2.00 pm	ANU Evangelical Union	Meetings Room
5.00 to 6.00 pm	Church Of England Group — Service	Committee Room
<b>Saturday, 16th</b>		
8.00 to 1.00 am	Economics Society — Dance	Upstairs
<b>Sunday, 17th</b>		
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